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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is
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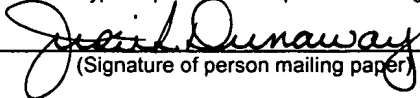
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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

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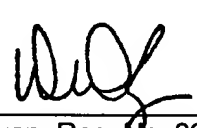
Sir:

Applicant responds to the Office Action (which contains an election of species requirement) mailed February 26, 2002, for which a shortened one month period of time was set for response.

An automatic five month extension of time to respond, up to and including August 26, 2002, is respectfully requested. The requisite fee accompanies this Amendment.

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicant elects Species H (Figs. 16 to 19). Claims 1; 3 to 6; 8 to 11; 13; and 14 read on this species. Claims 1; 3 to 6; 8 to 11; and 13 are believed to be generic to all species.

Respectfully submitted,

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